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Pakistan and China*: draft resolution

Technical cooperation among developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the continued validity and importance of all the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action 1/ in promoting technical cooperation among developing countries,

Reaffirming further the recommendation that the entire United Nations development system must be permeated by the spirit of technical cooperation among developing countries and that all the organizations of the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoters and catalysts of technical cooperation among developing countries, 2/

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

2/ Ibid., part one, chap. I, para. 45.

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/191 of 21 December 1990 and 46/143 of 17 December 1991 on developing human resources for development,

Recognizing that increased cooperation is taking place among developing countries and their institutions through the sharing of expertise, experience and facilities,

Recognizing also that technical cooperation among developing countries is an effective tool for implementing development programmes and projects through the use of relevant experience and expertise,

Reiterating that developing countries have a primary responsiblity for promoting technical cooperation among themselves, and that developed countries and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities and should play a prominent role as promoters and catalysts of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

Taking note with appreciation of the recent measures taken by organizations of the United Nations system to identify technical cooperation among developing countries as a priority theme, provide increased support to promotional activities and arrange for monitoring progress in applying technical cooperation among developing countries through the mechanisms established for project appraisal and approval,

Concerned, however, that the application or use of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries since the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action has not been widespread and is still marginally applied in the implementation of programmes and projects,

1. Calls upon all parties in the development effort to make concerted, planned and vigorous endeavours to benefit from the comparative advantage offered by the utilization of the capacities of developing countries, by giving their full support and first consideration to the use of the modality;

2. Urges all parties to enhance the scope, opportunities and application of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries in work carried out at all stages of the project cycle;

3. Requests all parties to increase support activities aimed at increasing awareness in government institutions, private sectors and non-governmental organizations, of the relevance and comparative advantage of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Calls for increased use by developed country partners of consultants from developing countries so as to improve the cost-effectiveness of projects and programmes and enhance the relevance of operational activities for development;

5. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations development system to improve and expand data and information on existing capacities in developing countries through the Information Referral System (INRES) and enhance access to such information;

6. Also urges the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations development system to intensify their support in developing national capacity-building for human resources development in developing countries;

7. Invites all organizations of the United Nations development system to further review their policies and practices to facilitate the use of technical cooperation among developing countries in the design, formulation, implementation and evaluation of programmes and projects supported by them;

8. Also invites all countries and organizations of the United Nations development system to promote and facilite the use of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries in regional, subregional and interregional programmes and projects;

9. Urges developing countries to adopt explicitly stated national policies and measures favourable to the greater use of technical cooperation among developing countries in the implementation of national development activities and projects;

10. Further urges developing countries to make greater use, in the context of technical cooperation among developing countries, of equipment and services from developing countries and to consider a review, as appropriate, of existing procurement policies and practices in this regard;

11. Invites developing countries to strengthen the national focal point mechanisms for technical cooperation among developing countries to enable them effectively to promote technical cooperation among developing countries and monitor progress in the application of the modality;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on his assessment of the implementation of the present resolution.